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In re Patent Application of

Takayuki Yokota et al.

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DISCUSSION OF SUBSTANCE OF TELEPHONIC INTERVIEW

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Sir:

Examiner McCalister telephoned the undersigned in the early part of September 2008 to discuss the allowability of this application. The remarks below discuss the substance of the interview.

Examiner McCalister expressed the view during the aforementioned telephone conference that the claimed connector recited in the independent claims is allowable over the prior art. The purpose for the Examiner's call was to discuss the wording in the original independent claims referring to the side slit defined in the side of the valve body. Examiner McCallister wanted to introduce a minor wording change to make clear that which is intended by the original claim language. That is, Examiner McCallister wanted to make clear that the side of the valve body refers to the side of the valve body. The undersigned proposed amending the independent claims to recite that the side wall extends between the top and the body of the valve body.

Examiner McCalister indicated that this clarification to the original claim language is preferable. The undersigned thus authorized Examiner McCalister to

make the changes to Claims 1, 7 and 9 set forth in the Examiner's Amendment accompanying the recently issued Notice of Allowability.

Should any questions arise concerning this matter, the undersigned request that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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